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SUBJECT: PALESTINIAN REPRESENTATION AT PEACE CONFERENCE

1. ISRAEL MAY JUST REFUSE TO ATTEND ANY PEACE CONFERENCE AT WHICH THERE WILL BE A SEPARATE PALESTINIAN/FEDAYEEN DELEGATION. ISRAELIS WOULD ACCEPT PALESTINIAN REPRESENTATION FOLDED INTO THE JORDANIAN DEL AND IT IS EVEN POSSIBLE THEY MIGHT TOLERATE SOME FEDAYEEN REP INCLUDED IN THE JORDANIAN OR SOME OTHER ARAB STATE DEL.

2. THE NATURE OF ANY PALESTINIAN REP AT A PEACE CONFERENCE, THEREFORE, AS A CONCERN TAKES PRECEDENCE OVER THE POSSIBLE SHAPE OF A FINAL WEST BANK SETTLEMENT. IF ISRAEL DOESN'T ATTEND THE PROPOSED PEACE CONFERENCE, IT BEOMES JUST ANOTHER ARAB SUMMIT AND WEST BANK SETTLEMENT SCENARIOS UNDER THOSE CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD BE HIGHLY ACADEMIC.

3. WE HAVE READ THE EXCELLENT REPORTING FROM VARIOUS INTERESTED POSTS WITH GREAT INTEREST. IT IS NOT ENTIRELY CLEAR TO ME, HOWEVER, WHAT WE MIGHT EXPECT TO COME OUT
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OF THE ARAB SUMMIT, PARTICULARLY RE THE NATURE OF PALESTINIAN REPRESENTATION AT A PEACE CONFERENCE.

4. I WOULD, THEREFORE, APPRECIATE RECEIVING THE DEPT'S

BEST ESTIMATE OF THE POSSIBLE RESULTS OF THE ARAB SUMMIT,
IF THAT IS REASONABLY PREDICTABLE. MY FRANK CONCERN IS
THAT THE ARAB SUMMIT MIGHT, UNDER RADICAL PRESSURE, TRY TO
TIE SADAT'S HANDS AND, IN OTHER WAYS, SEEK TO OBSTRUCT REAL
MOVEMENT TOWARDS PEACE. A "WORST CASE" RESULT FROM ISRAEL'S
POINT OF VIEW WOULD BE A SUMMIT DECISION THAT THERE
WOULD BE A SEPARATE PALESTINIAN/FEDAYEEN DELEGATION.
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